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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the telephone interview held on July 2, 2007. Applicant's Attorney and Agent, Steven Davis and Michael Gottselig, would like to thank the Examiner, Shirley Gembeh, and Supervisory Examiner, Ardin Marschel, for conducting the telephonic interview of July 2, 2007. In the interview the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph of record was discussed. Examiners agreed that inserting the term "transplanted" to modify, independently, "tissue" and "cell" would overcome the rejection. Furthermore, with respect to

the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 of record, Applicant's Attorney and Agent, requested clarification of the same. The Examiner repeated the reasoning presented in the Office Action mailed April 11, 2007. The Supervisory Examiner indicated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 of record may not be valid and mentioned that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 could possibly be made in view of the previously cited Sneddon et al. WO 01/87849 reference. Applicant's Attorney and Agent submit that this rejection was not made. Examiner stated that she will reconsider Applicants argument regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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